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1. ON JANUARY 2, 1977 BG AHMANN, CHUSMTM, HAD A WIDE-RANGING DISCUSSION WITH SAG MINDEF PRINCE SULTAN IN HIS MODA OFFICE IN RIYADH DURING WHICH PRINCE SULTAN TALKED ABOUT US-SAUDI RELATIONS. PRINCE SULTAN ASKED THAT HIS CONVERSATION WITH BG AHMANN BE PASSED BY THE AMBASSADOR TO WASHINGTON. THIS TELEGRAM SUMMARIZES THE CONVERSATION. FULL MEMCON ON THE POLITICAL ASPECTS BEING POUCHED. OTHER TOPICS BY SEPTTEL.

2. SULTAN SAID THAT SAG HAD MADE EVERY EFFORT IN RECENT PAST TO DEMONSTRATE ITS CONCERN WITH THE WORLD ECONOMY AND ITS DESIRE TO BE A POSITIVE INFLUENCE FOR PEACE. SAG HAS DONE THIS, , HE SAID, FROM ITS OWN PERCEPTION OF ITS NATIONAL INTEREST BUT, ALSO, TO SEND A MESSAGE TO THE U.S. AND TO THE
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NEW ADMINISTRATION THAT THE SAG DESIRED, AS A FIRST PRIORITY, TO WORK IN COOPERATION WITH THE U.S. TO ACHIEVE PEACE BETWEEN THE ISRAELIS AND THE ARABS. HE POINTED OUT THE INCREASING WILLINGNESS OF ALL ARAB STATES TO NEGOTIATE SUCH A PEACE AND STATED REPEATEDLY THAT NOW IS THE TIME FOR A MAJOR JOINT PEACE INITIATIVE BY THE U.S.AND SAUDI ARABIA.

3. SULTAN SAID THHAT HE SAW MUCH POTENTIAL FOR THE U.S. AND SAUDI ARABIA TO WORK TOGETHER BEYOND ESTABLISHING PEACE BETWEEN ISRAEL AND THE ARAB STATES. HE SPECIFICALLY MENTIONED THE PROFOUND EFFECT THAT EFFECTIVE U.S. -SAUDI COOPERATIVE EFFORTS COULD HAVE IN: (A) FAVORABLY AFFECTING THE ECONOMY OF THE FREE WORLD, (B) ASSISTING THE DEVELOPING NATIONS, AND (C) REMOVING COMMUNISTS FROM THEIR POSITION OF INFLUENCE IN THE MIDDLE EAST AND RESISTING COMMUNIST ADVANCES IN ANY OTHER PART OF THE WORLD.

4. PRINCE SULTAN STATED THAT HE AND ENTIRE SAUDI GOVERNMENT HAD GREAT FAITH IN THE U.S. AS A NATION WHICH RESPECTED THE RIGHTS OF ALL PEOPLE AND GENUINELY SOUGHT PEACE AMONG NATIONS. HE SAID THAT IT WAS HIS FERVENT HOPE THAT THE NEW U.S. ADMINISTRATION WOULD REALIZED THAT SAUDI ARABIA, DESPITE ITS SMALL POPULATION AND LACK OF MODERN TECHNOLOGY ALSO ASPIRED TO BE A NATION, LIKE THE U.S., THAT RESPECTED ALL PEOPLE'S RIGHTS AND TRULY SOUGHT PEACE AMONG ALL COUNTRIES.

5. SULTAN SAID SAUDI ARABIA THINKS THAT PROGRESS TOWARDS PEACE CAN BE ACHIEVED IN ONE OF TWO WAYS: (A) A STRONG UNILATERAL EFFORT BY THE U.S. IN WHICH THE U.S. TELLS BOTH SIDES THAT REAL NEGOTIATIONS MUST BEGIN AND PEACE ACHIEVED AND THAT IT INTENDS TO TREAT BOTH SIDES IN AN EVENHANDED MANNER. (IN CASE OF UNILATERAL EFFORT, SAUDI ARABIA WOULD, OF COURSE, INFLUENCE THE "GOOD" ARAB STATES TO NEGOTIATE IN GOOD FAITH.) OR (B) THROUGH AN INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCE, BUT ACTIONS TO GET SUCH A CONFERENCE UNDERWAY MUST BE TAKEN IN SECRET

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THE VERY NEAR TERM. (FYI, SULTAN SEEMED TO INDICATE A PREFERENCE FOR UNILATERAL U.S. ACTION VERSUS THE INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCE ROUTE BY POINTING OUT THAT SUCH A CONFERENCE WOULD BE DIFFICULT TO CONTROL AND COULD BE SUBJECT IN INESTIMABLE DELAYS BY THOSE WHO WERE NOT REALLY IN FAVOR OF PEACE.)

6. SULTAN CONCLUDED BY SAYING THAT HE WAS CONCERNED THAT THE ISRAELIS, SEEING THE FAVORABLE TREATMENT THAT SAUDI ARABIA WAS RECEIVING IN THE WESTERN PRESS, MIGHT TAKE SOME ILL-ADVISED ACTION IN THE NEAR FUTURE TO CAUSE A DIRECT CONFRONTATION BETWEEN ISRAELI AND ONE OR ANOTHER OF THE ARAB STATES, THUS SECURING SYMPATHY IN THE U.S. AND UNDOING THE RECENT EFFORTS OF SAUDI ARABIA.
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